lakhs has been released to the State Government of Kerala.

(c) and (d) For the year, 1996-97, the Department has identified four projects in consultation with the State Government for providing central financial assistance to Kerala. These are: (1) Restoration of Bolghatti Palace Kochi, Kerala; (2) Flood lighting of Vadakkummnathan Temple, Trichur; (3) Yatri Niwas at Munner (under Equity Scheme); (4) Purchase of rice boats. However, details in term of project proposals have not been received from the State Govt. so far.

Setting up High Court benches in different States

885. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing any steps keeping in view of the demand made by various bodies/organisations and Public regarding setting up of High Court benches in different States; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPTT. OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPTT. AND DEPTT. OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) Initially it is for the concerned State Government and the Chief Justices of High Courts to consider the demands for setting up benches of High Courts away from their principal seats, in the light of broad principles and criteria suggested, in this regard, by the Jaswant Singh Commission and, if necessary, to make a specific and complete proposal to the Central Government. Such a proposal, as and when received, is duly considered. At present, no such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

सामाजिक संस्थाओं को प्रदान की गई वित्तीय सहायता

886. **श्री मूलचन्द मीणा:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) उनके मंत्रालय द्वारा कुल कितनी सामाजिक संस्थाओं को वित्तीय सहायता दी जा रही है;

(ख) उनका राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान राजस्थान के लिये कुल कितनी राशि आबंटित की गई थी और उसका जिला-वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) राजस्थान के सवाई माधोपुर जिले में सामाजिक संस्थाओं को कुल कितनी राशि का आबंटन किया गया था; उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सलीम इकबाल शेरवानी): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Decentralization of Family Welfare Programme

887. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to decentralise the family welfare programme; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The implementation of the Family Welfare Programme already stand decentralised as the programme is implemented through the States/UTs. Further decentralisation to the Primary Health Central level is envisaged under the target free approach, which is operational from the year 1996-97. Under this approach, the system of setting contraceptive targets has been replaced by a system of decentralised planning at the Primary Health Centre level.

(b) The main features of the Family Welfare Programme are:—

(i) Maternal and Child Health care (including immunisation).

(ii) Contraceptive services like male and female sterilisation, IUDs, Oral Pills and Condoms.

(iii) Demand generation through information, Education and Communication activities.

Racket in Fake Excise Duty Rebate Claims

888. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers of the Central Excise and the Central Bureau of Investigation have unearthed a multi-crore racket relating to fake excise duty rebate claims, as reported in the Times of India, New Delhi dated March, 30, 1996;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some persons have been arrested in this connection; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir, A few cases of prima facie fraudulent excise rebate claims have been detected by the Central Excise Officers and have been referred to Central Bureau of Investigation for necessary action under the provisions of Indian Penal Code. The amount involved is, of the order of Rs. 1.96 crores.

(b) Five persons have been arrested in this regard.

(c) In these cases rebate claims have been found to be availed on the basis of forged and bogus documents like AR4, Shipping Bill, Bill of Lading and Invoices evidencing the payment of duty including forging of signatures and seal of Central Excise Officials. Necessary action will be taken for recovery of the amount including the penal actions as per law.

Emergency services for Heart Patients in District and Sub-Divisional Hospitals in M.P.

889. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of district and sub-divisional hospitals in the State of Madhya Pradesh having primary treatment facilities including emergency services for heart patients with details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that all the district and sub-divisional hospitals in the State do not have the facilities; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to ensure that in each such hospital, the primary treatment for the heart patients is compulsorily available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) 'Health' being a State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh to provide primary treatment facilities including emergency services for heart patients in the district and sub-divisional hospitals keeping in view their priorities and availability of resources.

Government of India have launched a Pilot Project for Control of Cardio-vascular Diseases since 1995-96 which are being implemented in a phased manner in various parts of the country. Besdies promotive, preventive services, the programme aims at strengthening the District Hospitals for back up services also.